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Southern District of Ohio
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RE: Case No. 1:02-CR-168-1
United States v. Paul LaLonde

Dear Counsel:

On June 30, 2006, Defendant LaLonde filed a pro se Motion to Withdraw Plea. In that motion, Defendant states that he "has never waived in proclaiming his innocence."

In view of Defendant's motion, please be aware that the Court is giving serious consideration to denying Defendant the offense level reduction for acceptance of responsibility and timely plea, as recommended in the Presentence Investigation Report, for purposes of calculating the advisory Guidelines sentencing range. This would raise Defendant's Guideline offense level to 23, instead of 20.

Sincerely,


Sandra S. Beckwith
Chief United States District Judge

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